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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Throughout this entire Microsoft lawsuit, it has been evident that the issues were obscured by all the animosity. While I have felt that there have been certain things that Microsoft has done that should merit some control, this litigation was not adequately addressing them.

This is why I think that the settlement is so important. Rather than wasting time with all the divisive contentiousness, the settlement clearly enumerates specific remedies. It addresses the unpleasant quarrel over Microsoft using its OS to steamroll over other companies who wish to sell other software, and calls for interface disclosure so that software companies can write better software. These are just two provisions that help to increase competition, which is what the antitrust case was supposed to do in the first place.

While some of the terms of the settlement certainly do not favor Microsoft, the settlement itself ends all the acrimony. For this reason, I am writing in support of its acceptance, and hope that with it, our country can get beyond this and move forward with more important priorities.

Sincerely,

David Fullerton